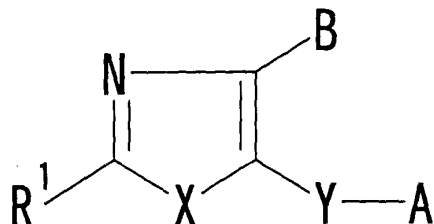


ABSTRACT

A neurotrophin production/secretion promoting agent
5 which comprises an azole derivative of the formula :



wherein R¹ represents a halogen atom, a heterocyclic group
which may optionally be substituted, a hydroxy group which
may optionally be substituted, a thiol group which may
10 optionally be substituted, or an amino group which may
optionally be substituted; A represents an acyl group which
may optionally be substituted, a heterocyclic group which
may optionally be substituted, a hydroxy group which may
optionally be substituted, or a carboxyl group which may
15 optionally be esterified or amidated; B represents an
aromatic group which may optionally be substituted; X
represents oxygen atom, sulfur atom, or nitrogen atom which
may optionally be substituted; and Y represents a divalent
hydrocarbon group or heterocyclic group, or a salt thereof;
20 which is useful as an agent for preventing or treating
neuropathy.